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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

“Growing in Grace, Gratitude and Giving”

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/
 Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
 Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Baptized in Christ

February 14, 2021

Christian James Vanderburg

Parents: Craig and Lindsey



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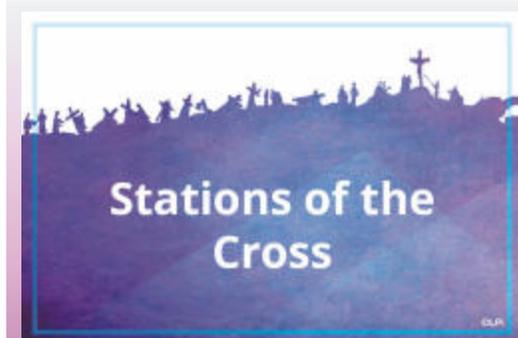
What do we bring to the Lord? This is the question asked of us today, just as Moses asked his own people so many centuries ago. In Deuteronomy 26, just prior to Moses' final words in chapter 27, he is not only asking his people to give the best they have to the Lord: the first fruits of the harvest, namely the best of the best of the harvest, but also asking them to make a pledge of faith. Both the offering and the testimony are necessary to make an honest, pure pledge of faith. For Moses as well as for us, a pure pledge of faith asks us to give our best to the Lord, along with words of commitment to the faith. It cannot be one or the other; it must be both.

Chapter 26 captures completely the need to act on our belief and not just spout words that might be pleasing to our ears. As Moses makes sure his people know the Lord demands our concrete, lived response to his guidance, he further cements into their hearts the need to care for others if they are to be God's people. Our reading continues on to give an offering to the Lord in the form of tithes and also to share them with the "Levite, the alien, the orphan and the widow" (Dt 26:12). In essence, no one is excluded from the "good things which the Lord, your God, has given you" (Dt 26:11). Only after reiterating the need to offer their first-fruits to the Lord and taking care of the "Levite, the alien, the orphan and the widow" does he ask God to bless his people and then for the people to commit themselves to living out the Lord's commands, statutes and decrees of the Lord.

This two-fold work of Moses – offering and then proclamation – is what guides them into the promised Land. Moses has more to say but his blessing on those who are obedient to the Lord are fresher than ever before. He speaks of being "careful to observe all his (God's) commands which I enjoin on you today... (so that)... when you hearken to the voice of the Lord, your God, all these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you" (Dt 28:1-2). Once again Moses is reminding us to give your offering, take care of the poor and then make your honest and pure act of faith. In this way you will be blessed. And here is his words of blessings: "May you be blessed in the city and blessed in the country! Blessed be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil and the offspring of your livestock, the issues of your herds and the young of your flocks! Blessed be your grain bin and your kneading bowl! May you be blessed in your coming in, and blessed in your going out!" (Dt 28:3-8).

As Lent begins, remember it is a pilgrimage of faith. It is the same pilgrimage the Israelites under Moses' protection and guidance led them to the promised Land. Moses has to constantly remind them of the Lord's ways and makes sure that they understand the need to act as if they believe and to believe they must act in union with the Lord. On this pilgrimage of 40 days, what will you bring to the Lord – May it not be leftovers! God asks and faith demands that we offer to the Lord first actions of love – first-fruits for the Lord and generosity to the poor and outcast and then renew our covenant with the Lord at Easter. During this Lent, remember the question Moses poses to his people: "What do you bring to the Lord?" For St. Paul in our reading from Romans this weekend reminds us that if we act as if we believe and live as we ought to believe then "no one who believes in him (Jesus Christ) will be put to shame."

Father Ron



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on
Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm.

*Please note this is a new time for Stations
to be prayed at Prince of Peace!*

Worship Ministry

Being involved in Worship Ministry is an awe-filled experience!

We thank all who have served in Worship Ministry at Prince of Peace throughout the years, especially those who have served once masses resumed during these COVID-19 times. We could not do it without you helping us!

We look forward to those who have not yet returned to ministry to come back once they feel comfortable and safe to do so. We invite all Parishioners to become active in Worship Ministry, we need YOU! We need ministers in the following areas:

Minister of Hospitality:

Do you enjoy welcoming people into your home, making them comfortable and seeing to their needs? Being a Minister of Hospitality may be the perfect ministry for you! Hospitality is a vital aspect of making people feel welcome as we celebrate Mass.

Ministers of Hospitality are needed at all Masses.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is trained to distribute the Eucharist at Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all Masses.

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive.

To that which you are you respond "Amen" (yes, it is true!) and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen".

Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your "Amen" may be true.

St. Augustine, Sermon 272

Sacristans:

A Sacristan works behind the scenes, setting up for Mass before it begins.

Sacristans are needed for the following Masses:

8:00 am

10:00 am

Daily Masses

If you have ever wondered how to become active in Worship Ministry, if you want more information on any of these Ministries or would like to set up training, contact Linda Plotkowski in the Worship Office at 248-681-9424 or worship@princeofpeacecatholic.church

Youth Group

Join Us

Tuesday, February 23rd

7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room.

For more information contact our Youth Minister

Veronica Weisenberger at

youthminister@princeofpeacecatholic.church





Food Pantry Donations

With the new normal of masks and social distancing we have to adjust to the changing face of society. We are finding it difficult to “drop off food” and “distribute” it to our local pantries.

In fact, they are preferring not to have so much social contact with the handling of cans and packages from so many different sources.

What they have recommended to us and what we will try to implement, is to have an envelope addressed to either Franciscan Outreach Center or Open Door to facilitate them in obtaining the proper foodstuff for their clients.

This is not to say there is less of a need for food, it is simply to say that the food needs to be purchased by the organization for sanitary safety concerns with their volunteers.

Our two organization are overwhelmed with clients at this time and they know exactly what they need to put in a bag of groceries for a week – and they are able to get it at reduced prices from both the government and their own supplies.

I know this is a little more impersonal but it is more practical. It is a win-win situation: the food pantries have the funds they need to get food at better cost and we maintain our relationship with them by our direct monetary donations or, even easier – using our on-line giving tool on the parish website. Once you click on the “heart”, the next page has “offertory” and under that “Local Food Program Support”. Click on “Local Food Program Support” and the parish will direct 100% of the funds donated to either Franciscan Outreach Center or Open Door.

Thanks for your understanding in this time of uncertainty and change. It is a change that will truly help these organizations and, hopefully, make it easier for each of us to give to this necessary cause: food for those in need.

Father Ron

Collection to Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

Thank you for your generosity. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee



Congratulation to the couples who celebrated their anniversary at our Anniversary Mass last weekend.





Saturday, February 20

4:00 p.m. Hattie Tilley
Rita Szelc
Gary Graustein

Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. James Lark

10:00 a.m. James Lark

Pray for...

Maceo Boozer
Genevieve Davey

Gracious Lord,

Remember in your mercy those who suffer today.

*Give strength and encouragement
to those who minister to their needs.*

*Remember your promise not to let them be tested
beyond what they are able to bear.*

*Above all, give them the reassurance
that you are with them as they walk
through this valley of the shadow of death.*

*And in your good time send healing of body and
spirit.*

In Jesus' name

Amen

**Michigan Catholic Conference: focus
A BLUEPRINT FOR THE COMMON GOOD
2021 –2022 ADVOCACY PRINCIPLES**

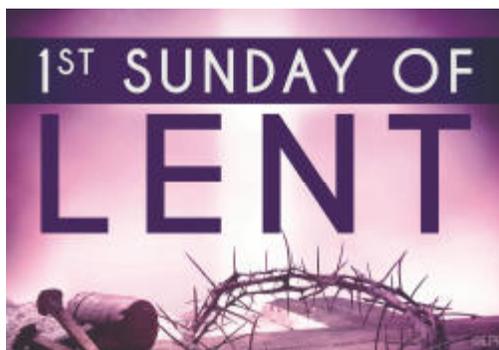
Week 2

**Human Life and Dignity
“GOD CREATED MANKIND
IN HIS IMAGE”**

GENESIS 1:27, NAB

The Catholic Church is present in society to assist humankind through life's many challenges: supporting mothers during unexpected or difficult pregnancies, assisting parents through foster placements and adoptions, and helping the elderly or infirm with terminal illnesses and end-of-life care. MCC will support policies this legislative session that uplift and protect the dignity of human life, especially the unborn and those marginalized by economic challenges. MCC will also encourage policies that care for vulnerable women and families, mitigate violence, seek greater racial understanding, and promote life-affirming palliative care. The Conference further supports:

- Policies that recognize the value of every person's life from conception to natural death.
- Policy initiatives and pregnancy care programs that provide and expand alternatives to abortion, as well as assist pregnant and parenting women with prenatal, postpartum, and adoption services.
- Measures to eliminate abortion and promote the health and safety of women.
- Prohibiting or regulating research policies which violate the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life.
- Policies that seek to reduce violence in society, including the reduction of gun violence.
- Upholding the constitutional ban on the death penalty and the statutory ban on assisted suicide.
- Policies that expand and improve end-of-life care through a person's natural death.
- Policies that support the authentic nature of the human person and recognize the inherent biological differences between males and females.
- Policies that address racial injustice and promote racial harmony.



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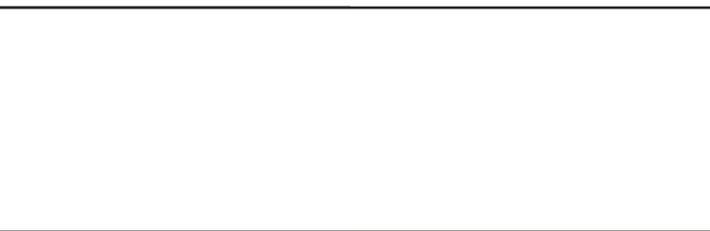
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